

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;  
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;  
Mark Acton; and  
Tony Hammond

Competitive Product Prices  
Priority Mail  
Priority Mail Contract 197

Docket No. MC2016-98

Competitive Product Prices  
Priority Mail Contract 197 (MC2016-98)  
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2016-126

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING THE ADDITION OF PRIORITY MAIL  
CONTRACT 197 TO THE COMPETITIVE PRODUCT LIST  
AND REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

(Issued March 21, 2016)

I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30-.35, the Postal Service filed a formal request and associated supporting information to add Priority Mail Contract 197 to the competitive product list.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 197 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data, March 18, 2016 (Request).

The Postal Service contemporaneously filed a redacted contract related to the proposed new product under 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3) and 39 CFR 3015.5. Request, Attachment B.

To support its Request, the Postal Service filed a copy of the contract, a copy of the Governors' Decision authorizing the product, proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule, a Statement of Supporting Justification, a certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a), and an application for non-public treatment of certain materials. It also filed supporting financial workpapers.

## II. NOTICE OF COMMISSION ACTION

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2016-98 and CP2016-126 to consider the Request pertaining to the proposed Priority Mail Contract 197 product and the related contract, respectively.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in the captioned dockets are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comments are due no later than March 28, 2016. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Jennaca D. Upperman to serve as Public Representative in these dockets.

## III. REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The version of the contract provided to the Commission under seal appears to redact information in Section F. The Postal Service is requested to provide an explanation and, if necessary, file an errata. The Postal Service response is due no later than March 23, 2016.

#### IV. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2016-98 and CP2016-126 to consider the matters raised in each docket.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Jennaca D. Upperman is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings (Public Representative).
3. The Postal Service's response to the request for supplemental information is due no later than March 23, 2016.
4. Comments are due no later than March 28, 2016.
5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the *Federal Register*.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble  
Secretary